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FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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SUBJECT: OPIC RETENTION OF LOCAL COUNSEL

REF: (A) STATE 071023; (B) MONROVIA 1607; (C) STATE 044654;
(D) MONROVIA 7191 OF 12/16/74; (E) STATE 272122 OF 12/12/74;
(F) MONROVIA 3304 OF 6/10/74; AND (G) STATE 117901 OF 6/5/74.

1. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT MS. JULIA GIBSON WILL BE WILLING TO FURNISH
OPIC WITH PRECISE FIGURE AS FEE FOR LEGAL SERVICES UNLESS AND
UNTIL OPIC CAN LET HER KNOW THE AMOUNT OF LEGAL WORK TO BE
PERFORMED. MS. GIBSON IS NOTED LOCAL ATTORNEY WITH LEADING LAW FIRM.
SHE STATES THAT HER FEE IS \$35 PER HOUR, SO MAXIMUM FEE WOULD
DEPEND ON TIME SPENT ON PROJECT. AS OPIC HAS WORKED WITH MS. GIBSON
BEFORE (IN 1972) IT SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH HER PERFORMANCE.

2. AFTER TEN MONTHS OF PASSING MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT (SEE REFS)
BETWEEN OPIC AND MS. GIBSON, WE DO NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY CLOSER
TO RESOLVING THIS MATTER. EMBASSY'S RELATIONS WITH MS. GIBSON ARE
NOTICEABLY COOLING AS RESULT.

THEREFORE, OPIC SHOULD FURNISH EMBASSY WITH ESTIMATE OF
VOLUME OF LEGAL WORK IT EXPECTS MS. GIBSON TO PERFORM OR SHOULD
CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM FIGURE TO BE DRAWN DOWN BY
MS. GIBSON DEPENDING UPON WORK VOLUME.

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